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REMARKS

[1-2] Claims 4, 5, 22 and 23 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims are amended to remove the lack of antecedent basis.

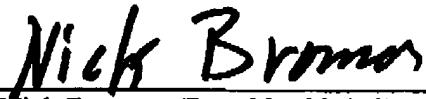
[3-4] Claims 1, 2, 11-13, 16, 19-21, and 23 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Jessop. This rejection is respectfully traversed as to claim 1 and its dependent claims; it is moot as to claims 16, 19-21, and 23.

Claim 1 as amended recites a tapered edge, which is exemplified by edge 12f (Fig. 2 and page 9, seventh line from the bottom) that extends leftward and rightward with respect to the direction toward the stack. Jessop does not disclose this newly-recited feature.

[5-6] Claims 3-10, 14, 15, and 17-23 are believed to now be either canceled or allowable, and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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